

**Board Membership Bill Draft**  
**May 24, 2006**

**RCW 41.26.715 Board of trustees-Created-Selection of trustees-Terms of office-Vacancies**

(1) An eleven member board of trustees is hereby created.

(a) Three of the board members shall be active law enforcement officers who are participants in the plan. Beginning with the first vacancy on or after January 1, 2007, one board member shall be either an active law or a retired law enforcement officer who is a ((member)) participant of the plan. The law enforcement officer board members shall be appointed by the governor from a list provided by a recognized statewide council whose membership consists exclusively of guilds, associations, and unions representing state and local government police officers, deputies, and sheriffs and excludes federal law enforcement officers.

(b) Three of the board members shall be active fire fighters who are participants in the plan. Beginning with the first vacancy on or after January 1, 2007, one board member shall be either an active or a retired fire fighter who is a ((member)) participant of the plan. The fire fighter board member shall be appointed by the governor from a list provided by a recognized statewide council, affiliated with an international association representing the interests of fire fighters.

(c) Three of the board members shall be representatives of employers and shall be appointed by the governor.

(d) One board member shall be a member of the house of representatives who is appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the speaker of the house of representatives.

(e) One board member shall be a member of the senate who is appointed by the governor based on the recommendation of the majority leader of the senate.

(f) The board members appointed under subsections (d) and (e) of this section must include one member from the two largest political parties. The speaker of the house of representatives

shall request a recommendation from the minority leader of the house of representatives if a member from the opposite party must be recommended for appointment. The majority leader of the senate shall request a recommendation from the minority leader of the senate if a member from the opposite party must be recommended for appointment.

(2) The initial law enforcement officer and fire fighter board members shall serve terms of six, four, and two years, respectively. Thereafter, law enforcement officer and fire fighter board members serve terms of six years. ~~((The remaining board members serve terms of four years.))~~  
The initial employer representative board members shall serve terms of four, five, and six years, respectively. Thereafter, employer representative board members serve terms of four years. The initial legislative board members shall serve terms of four years and six months. Thereafter, legislative board members serve terms of two years which begin on January 1 of odd-numbered years. Board members may be reappointed to succeeding terms without limitation. Board members shall serve until their successors are appointed and seated.

(3) In the event of a vacancy on the board, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as prescribed for an initial appointment.

[2003 c 2 § 4 (Initiative Measure No. 790, approved November 5, 2002).]